

Western Governors' Drought Forum
An Initiative of WGA Chairman Governor Brian Sandoval

*Drought Impacts and Solutions in the Agricultural Sector – November 13-14, 2014 –
Governor's Office, Council Room – California State Capitol – Sacramento, CA
Draft Agenda*

Day 1

11:15 a.m. Lunch served

11:30 a.m. **Keynote Remarks**

Gov. Brian Sandoval, Nevada, WGA Chairman (*Invited*)

Gov. Jerry Brown, California (*Invited*)

Introduction: James D. Ogsbury, Executive Director, WGA

12:15 p.m. **Objectives for the Drought Forum Project and this Workshop**

Western Governors' Drought Forum Overview:

James D. Ogsbury, Executive Director, WGA

Meeting Objectives from the Moderator:

John Laird, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency

12:25 p.m. **Roundtable I: What is Drought? A Slow-Moving Disaster through the
Lenses of Agriculture, Water Management, and Environment**

Roundtable leaders will share their perspectives on drought, including how it develops and what is required for proper drought management.

Discussion will then open to all meeting attendees, who will then help the group define the key attributes of drought to consider throughout the workshop and revisit during closing thoughts on Day 2.

Confirmed Roundtable Leaders:

- Jason King, State Engineer, State of Nevada
- Jared Blumenfeld, EPA Region 9 Administrator
- Kelly Redmond, Desert Research Institute (*Invited*)

1:30 p.m. **Roundtable II: Drought Impacts in the Agricultural Sector**

Roundtable leaders will highlight the ways producers and agricultural professionals plan for drought and variable water supplies. *Participants will add observations on how drought conditions impact their operations.*

Confirmed Roundtable Leaders:

- Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Paul Wenger, President, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Lynn Hettrick, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture
- Bryce Lundberg, VP for Agriculture, Lundberg Family Farms
- Chris Kraft, Western Dairy Association and Dairy Farmers of America

2:45 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m.

Case Study: Cross-Agency Collaboration in Addressing Record Drought

Confirmed Roundtable Leaders:

- Mark Cowin, Director, California Department of Water Resources
- Chuck Bonham, Director, California Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Felicia Marcus, Chair, California State Water Resources Control Board
- Pablo Arroyave, Deputy Regional Director, US Bureau of Reclamation
- Maria Rea, Assistant Regional Administrator, California Central Valley Area Office, NOAA-Fisheries

4:00 p.m.

Roundtable III: Needs and New Frontiers for Data and Analysis

Roundtable on data and information needed by producers and agricultural professionals to manage, prepare for, and recover from drought. *Audience participation will be encouraged during the final 40 minutes.*

Confirmed Roundtable Leaders:

- Richard Howitt, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis, Center for Watershed Science
- John Andrew, Assistant Deputy Director, California Department of Water Resources

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

5:15 p.m.

Reception (end at 6:45)

Day 2

7:45 a.m. Breakfast served

8:15 a.m. Recap of Day 1; Review of agenda for the day

8:30 a.m. **Roundtable IV: Technologies and Innovative Approaches**

Innovative solutions and technologies agriculturalists are using or testing to maintain production with limited water supply. *Audience participation will be encouraged after opening remarks.*

Confirmed Roundtable Leaders:

- John Diener, President, Red Rock Ranch
- Keith Horn, Senior Director of Grape Management, Constellation Wines
- Damien Pearson, General Manager, North America , Rubicon Water
- Bill Phillimore, Executive Vice President, Paramount Farms

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. **Roundtable V: Policy Approaches**

Roundtable on how federal, state and local policies can either help or hinder producers in adjusting to and managing drought. *Roundtable discussion with audience participation will be held after opening remarks.*

Confirmed Roundtable Leaders:

- Tom Birmingham, General Manager, Westlands Water District
- JJ Goicoechea, Chairman, Eureka County Commission
- Oscar Gonzales, CA State Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency

11:15 a.m. Next Steps and Final Thoughts

11:45 a.m. Adjourn